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THE CHRONICLE COMMITTEE

for the year 1933—4 is as follows :—

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EDITORIAL.

THERE have been many changes in the School this year. Not only did a large number at the top of the School leave in the summer, but we also had to say good-bye to five of the Staff. Miss Walker left us after eight years in Uttoxeter. The School owes her so much for all she did, for all the interest and time she so kindly gave to coaching games and to the Guide Company, in addition to her other work. She now has a post at Newark High School, but fortunately still comes over to Uttoxeter occasionally and comes to see us. Miss Kirby is working in London; Miss Pierce-Thomas is Domestic Science Mistress at King Edward VI.th School, Camp Hill, Birmingham; Miss Price is living at home; and Miss Roelofsen is teaching in a boarding school in the south of England.

Miss Tribe (gymnastic mistress) came last summer term, and Miss Jones (Preparatory Department), Miss Deards (Domestic Science), Miss Whittlesey (Science), and Miss Hutton (Red Gables House Mistress), joined the staff in the autumn.

The following girls left between December, 1932, and July, 1933:—M. Bagnall, A. Sutton, D. Watson, N. Kirkland, M. Mellor, M. Allred, B. Dykes, B. Griffith, K. Griffiths, D. Hammersley, K. Hollins, O. Jackson, M. Millington, J. Pilcher, S. Prince, M. Wedd, M. Cooper, L. Forster, W. Hankinson, N. Hollins, W. Jackson, K. Pearson, O. Reynolds, M. Wain, J. Willis, I. Wright, J. Bagnall, M. Chapman, N. Shipley, J. Taylor, G. Bagnall; boys—B. Fryer, H. McBean, R. Tunnicliffe. The

following girls left at the end of the Autumn Term, 1933 :—
J. Bradbury, M. Lewis, F. Coulthurst, V. Goodall, M. Jeffery,
M. Wells, B. Sutherland.

The following girls have been admittgd to the School :—
Spring Term, 1933: O. Hudson, J. McGregor. Summer Term:
B. Atkinson, M. Johnson, R. Need, B. Sutherland. Autumn
Term: Form Lower IV., D. Hurst; Form III.a, M. Griffin,
W. Healey, U. Hughes, Y. Jones, E. Lovatt, I. MacBean,
E. Manhire, P. Mills, K. Moseley, M. Roberts, M. Thurman,
D. Trubshaw, J. Smith, A. Walker, M. Wilson, J. Wright, P. Yates;
Form III.b, M. Bevan, P. Cooper, M. Elkes, J. Horne, D. Hughes,
G. Shipley, M. Tipper, H. Whitehurst; Preparatory, J. Duncan,
M. Henry.

The wireless set was purchased during the Autumn Term, and
the Lower IV. have followed Professor Winifred Cullis's course on
Hygiene on Wednesday afternoons. This term they listen to
Monsieur Stéphan's French talk on Tuesdays, and join in the
songs. Another form has occasionally listened to Miss Rhoda
Power's illustrations of British History, and a few senior girls stay
to "What's the News?" on Tuesday afternoons.

We do appreciate having the wireless when there is any event
of national importance. Some of us listened to Monsieur
Cammaert's speech about King Albert, and to the Prince of
Wales' speech on "Personal Service."

The Committee were pleased to receive a larger number of
contributions this year, especially from the lower forms. They
hope that those whose articles were not accepted will try again
next year.

K. SIMMS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS.—AUTUMN TERM, 1933.

A. Sutton (Head Girl), M. Bagnall, D. Watson, W. Cope,
M. Mellor, N. Kirkland (full). B. Dykes, B. Griffith, D. Hammersley,
K. Hollins, M. Millington, S. Prince, B. Stubbs (on probation).

SPRING TERM, 1933.—J. Young (on probation).

SPRING TERM.

DRILL BADGES.—K. Bloor, M. Harris.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—F. Coulthurst, W. Cope, M. Harper,
M. Snell, G. Ward, D. Watson.

HOCKEY COLOURS.—M. Shipton.

SUMMER TERM.

DRILL BADGES.—M. Snell, F. Coulthurst.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—J. Bagnall, J. Bradley, B. Bryant, J. Bradbury, M. Harris, J. Ryder, M. Shipton, M. Perrins, G. Thurman.

PREFECTS.—AUTUMN TERM, 1933.

W. Cope (Head Girl), B. Stubbs, J. Young (full). K. Bloor, K. Simms, M. Snell, O. Taylor, J. Bradbury, M. Lewis (on probation).

NOVEMBER, 1933.—P. Kelly, G. Thurman (on probation).

AUTUMN TERM, 1933.

DRILL BADGES.—M. Shipton, B. Bryant, M. Bagshaw.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—K. Bloor, D. Forster, M. Wilkinson.

SPRING TERM, 1933.

Feb. 3rd.—Lecture by Captain Simmonds on "Wings of Empire."

Feb. 17th.—Party visited Derby for Inter-Territorial Hockey Match, Midlands v. South.

Feb. 22nd.—Hockey Match, School v. Guides.

March 10th.—British and Foreign Bible Society Lecture on "India."

March 31st.—Hockey Match, Staff and Form VI. v. Rest of School.

April 3rd.—Music Competition.

SUMMER TERM, 1933.

May 19th.—Sports.

June 14th.—At Home.

June 29th.—School Birthday.

July 21st.—Visit of Birmingham Mothers.

July 26th.—Staff and Prefects' Party.

AUTUMN TERM, 1933.

Oct. 26th.—Speech Day.

Nov. 9th.—Lecture by His Honour Judge Ruegg on "The Law in Everyday Life."

Nov. 15th.—Lecture on "Brahms" by Miss Malvern and Miss Street.

Dec. 4th.—Lecture by Captain Durhan on "The R.S.P.C.A."

Dec. 16th.—Carol Singing for St. Dunstan's and the Birmingham Settlement.

Dec. 18th.—Senior Party.

Dec. 19th.—Old Girls' Re-union.

The performances of the York Nativity Play, which should have taken place on Dec. 15th and 16th, had to be postponed, and took place on Jan. 12th and 13th of the Spring Term.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO, 1932—33.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were first in term marks. At the house meetings we made garments for the children of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and so were able to send two large parcels to them at Christmas.

SPRING TERM.—We were third in the Hockey Matches, and fourth in the Music Competition.

SUMMER TERM.—We won the Sports Cup, and tied with Jupiter for second place in the House Relay. We were third in the Tennis Championship.

On July 8th we held a Tennis Tournament in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and as a result were able to send £7 8s. to the Homes.

At the end of the School year we were pleased to hear we had won the Shield.

A. H. SUTTON.

JUPITER, 1932—33.

AUTUMN TERM.—At house meetings we knitted garments for the R.S.P.C.C., and we were able to send two large parcels at Christmas.

SPRING TERM.—We won the Music Competition, and we were second in the House Hockey Matches.

SUMMER TERM.—We were fourth in Sports, but we tied with Apollo for the second place in the House Relay Race. We were fourth in Tennis. We were also fourth in the year's total marks.

DOROTHY WATSON.

MARS, 1932—33.

AUTUMN TERM.—We held a Whist Drive on Nov. 12th in aid of the Staffordshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind, and so raised £6 for the funds of the Association.

SPRING TERM.—We won the Hockey Cup, and were third in the Music Competition.

SUMMER TERM.—We obtained third place in Sports, but we won the Relay Race. We won the Tennis Cup, and were second in the yearly house marks.
W. M. BAGNALL.

NEPTUNE, 1932—33.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were third in our termly marks.

SPRING TERM.—We were fourth in the House Hockey Matches. In the House Singing Competition we were second.

SUMMER TERM.—We were second in the Sports. Jean Bradley won the Junior Championship Cup. In the House Tennis Matches we were second. Jean Bradley was the runner-up for the Tennis Singles Championship Cup. In the year's total marks we were fourth.
JEAN M. YOUNG.

SPEECH DAY, 1933.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, October 26th, and again, owing to the generosity of many people, it was also a Prize Day; we were very grateful to those who gave prizes.

Sir Percival Heywood, in welcoming the presenter of the prizes, the Rev. Canon Goodman, B.D., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., Librarian of Winchester Cathedral, paid a tribute to Winchester School and their visitor.

The prizes were presented after Miss Cooper's report, and then Canon Goodman spoke to the parents and the girls. His subject was an interesting one—the institution and progress of examination systems in this country; and this was even more interesting in that Canon Goodman is himself an examiner. He gave us one useful hint, in the value of legible handwriting!

Miss Herbert proposed thanks to Canon Goodman and the Chairman, and Winifred Cope, the Head Girl, in seconding, said it was a privilege to hear an examiner speak, and realise that he was a human being.

A Concert, given by the School, concluded the programme. In it was included renderings by the School orchestra, nursery rhymes, and the part song "Kelvin Grove" (arranged by Miss Malvern).
BRENDA STUBBS.

PRIZE LIST, 1933.

FORM PRIZES.—I., M. King; II., D. Griffiths; III., E. Dale; L.IV., N. Bentley; L.IV.R., F. Blore; U.IV., J. Bradley; L.V., G. Thurman; U.V., K. Simms and B. Stubbs; VI., M. Bagnall, A. Sutton and D. Watson.

The School had these Form Prizes kindly presented to them by the following people:—Sir Percival Heywood, Miss Herbert, Miss Heywood, Mrs. T. Bentley, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. H. S. Cooper, Mr. W. H. Smith, The Old Girls, The Headmistress and the Staff.

ESSAY PRIZE (presented by Miss Ruegg), D. Salt.

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor), A. Sutton.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Miss Malvern), M. B. Dykes.

THE JOSEPH WILLIAMS MUSIC PRIZE, J. Young.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Eckersley), P. Kelly.

MEKITA PRIZE (presented by Miss Budgen), W. Cope.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, JULY, 1933.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF THE NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—M. Bagnall, A. Sutton, D. Watson.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF THE NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—Matriculation Certificates: K. M. Simms (distinction in New Testament History and English Literature), B. Stubbs (distinction in New Testament History). School Certificates: K. I. Bloor, M. B. Dykes, B. P. Griffith, K. F. Griffiths, *D. Hammersley, *W. M. Millington, *F. S. Prince, M. S. Snell, *O. Taylor.

* *Distinction in New Testament History.*

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.—Pianoforte: Primary—K. Wilson (honourable mention), G. Mountford (honourable mention), L. Dainton (honourable mention). Elementary—M. Jeffery (honourable mention), P. Bull (pass), M. Shipley (pass).

HOUSE AWARDS.

Hockey Cup, Mars; Sports Cup, Apollo; Tennis Cup, Mars; Music Bâton, Jupiter; House Shield, Apollo.

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY.

The day began with the special form of prayers to which some old girls came, and many who could not be present at school remembered us and sent congratulations. Telegrams came from Miss Budgen and Miss Minna Beck, and from Frances Bull and Joan Underwood. Miss Woodhead very kindly sent a cheque, which went towards the collection for a wireless set, towards which a sum had been raised by the At Home earlier in the summer.

During the afternoon a Junior House Tennis Tournament took place, which was won by Neptune, and after tea on the lawn in "houses" and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the Junior School went home.

Then there was a Tennis Tournament for the Seniors, in which the Staff and Old Girls took part. This was won by Miss Walker and M. Allred.

W. G. COPE.

HOCKEY, 1932—33.

- Oct. 29—Ashbourne Grammar School (home), scratched.
- Nov. 5—Brownhills High School, Tunstall (home), draw 2—2.
- „ 16—Longton High School (home), won 6—2.
- „ 19—St. Dominic's School, Stoke (away), scratched.
- „ 26—Derby High School (away), draw 3—3.
- Dec. 2—The Old Girls (away), draw 1—1.
- „ 3—Burton High School (away), lost 4—1.
- Jan. 21—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), scratched.
- „ 28—Derby High School (home), scratched.
- Feb. 4—Uttoxeter Ladies (away), lost 2—1.
- „ 8—Uttoxeter Ladies (away), lost 4—1.
- „ 11—Burton High School (away), lost 7—0.
- „ 18—Brownhills High School, Tunstall (home), scratched.
- „ 25—St. Dominic's School, Stoke (home), scratched.
- Mar. 4—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), won 3—0.
- „ 11—Ashbourne Grammar School (away), won 5—3.

A. H. SUTTON (Captain).

TENNIS.

In the Midland Girls' School Lawn Tennis League the School was represented by F. Coulthurst and D. Hammersley. In the first round we met Edgbaston High School, who won 6-1, 9-1.

Other matches played were:—

- June 17—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle, lost 8—1,
 „ 24—Ashbourne Grammar School, lost 7—0.
 July 15—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle, lost 7—2.
 „ 19—Ashbourne Grammar School, lost 9—0.
 „ 26—The Staff, lost 6—2.

The School Team was as follows:—

1. M. Bagnall and D. Hammersley.
2. J. Pilcher and J. Bradley.
3. P. Bull and A. Sutton.

J. Young and F. Coulthurst played in two matches.

This year Miss Walker (who is leaving us at the end of the Summer Term) very kindly presented a cup for the winner of a Singles Tournament. The Tournament aroused great interest, girls entering from the third form upwards, and the winner was D. Hammersley, who beat J. Bradley in the final, 6-5, 2-6, 6-2.

The result of the House Tennis Tournament was:—1. Mars;
 2. Neptune; 3. Apollo; 4. Jupiter. D. HAMMERSLEY.

THE SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on the School playing field on Friday, May 19th, at 2 p.m. The first five events were decided before the day. The results were as follows:—

Cross-Country—Senior: 1, W. Cope; 2, M. Allred; 3, B. Dykes.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior: 1, N. Millington (42 yds. 8 ins.);
 2, J. Bradbury; 3, P. Kelly; Junior: 1, J. Bradley (35 yds. 2 ft.
 5 ins.); 2, F. Hall; 3, M. Bagshaw. Long Jump—Senior:
 1, D. Hammersley; 2, A. Sutton; 3, B. Stubbs; Junior: 1, J.
 Bradley; 2, F. Hall; 3, P. Bull. Sack Race—Senior: 1, A. Sutton;
 2, M. Bagnall; 3, W. Jackson; Junior: 1, M. Goodall; 2, F. Hall;
 3, Julia Phillips; Under 11: 1, G. Roberts; 2, R. Ward;
 3, M. Baker. Three-Legged Race—Senior: 1, D. Hammersley
 and M. Snell; 2, W. Cope and A. Sutton; 3, N. Millington and
 M. Harris; Junior: 1, J. Bradley and J. Ryder; 2, F. Hall and
 Julia Phillips; 3, P. Bull and B. Jones; Under 11: 1, G. Roberts
 and D. Prince; 2, P. Phillips and M. Tunnicliffe; 3, G. Bagnall
 and C. Brisbourne. 100 yards—Senior: 1, A. Sutton; 2, M. Snell;
 3, D. Hammersley; Junior: 1, J. Bradley; 2, O. Hudson; 3, J. Salt.
 80 yards—Under 11: 1, G. Mellor; 2, G. Roberts; 3, C. Brisbourne.
 50 yards: Preparatory Dept.: 1, B. Fryer; 2, D. Griffiths;
 3, M. Hardy. High Jump—Senior: 1, K. Hughes (ht. 4 ft. 2 ins.);
 2, J. Dalley; 3, K. Bloor and M. Snell; Junior: 1, J. Bradley
 (ht. 3 ft. 11 ins.); 2, J. Fallows; 3, O. Hudson. Potato Race—

Senior: 1, A. Sutton; 2, M. Snell; 3, M. Allred. Junior: 1, J. Bradley; 2, P. Bull; 3, F. Hall. Slow Bicycle Race—Senior: 1, J. Bradbury; 2, W. Cope; 3, P. Kelly; Junior: 1, B. Torrance; 2, A. Massey; 3, J. Ryder. 220 yards—Senior: 1, D. Hammersley; 2, A. Sutton; 3, M. Snell; Junior: 1, J. Bradley; 2, F. Hall; 3, O. Hudson and P. Bull. Bunny Jump: Prep. Dept.: 1, B. Fryer; 2, D. Griffiths; 3, G. Robinson. Flower Pot—Senior: 1, A. Sutton; 2, N. Millington; 3, M. Lewis; Junior: 1, G. Mountford; 2, P. Bull; 3, May Shipton. Skipping Race—Under 11 years: 1, M. Tunncliffe; 2, P. Phillips; 3, B. Dainton. Obstacle Race—Senior: 1, W. Cope; 2, A. Sutton; 3, M. Lewis; Junior: 1, J. Bradley; 2, P. Bull; 3, O. Hudson. House Relay Race—1, Mars; 2, Jupiter and Apollo; 4, Neptune. Senior Champion—Audrey Sutton (Apollo), 36 points; Runner-up: D. Hammersley (Mars), 19 points. Junior Champion—J. Bradley (Neptune), 48 points; Runner-up: F. Hall (Jupiter), 16 points. House Championship—Apollo.

The weather on Sports Day was exceptionally sunny, and consequently a large number of Governors, parents and friends were present. Miss Herbert very kindly presented the Championship Cups and the prizes won by the Preparatory Department.

W. M. BAGNALL.

GIRL GUIDES

(1st Uttoxeter Company).

During the School Year 1932—33 a great deal of Guide Work has been accomplished.

AUTUMN TERM.—On October 25th, Miss Harper, Captain of the 3rd Uttoxeter Company, came to enrol D. Amos, D. Bury, J. Fallows, D. Adams, and D. Bagnall. On November 12th Senior and Junior Tracks were laid and followed. On December 10th we attended a ceremony in Uttoxeter Recreation Ground, where two trees were planted to commemorate the 21st year of Guiding.

SPRING TERM.—During this Term we worked for Badges chiefly. On February 22nd we celebrated "Thinking Day," which is the Chief Scout's and Chief Guide's birthday, by reading messages sent from the Guides of different nations.

SUMMER TERM.—During this Term we rehearsed our Ambulance Sketch, which we performed at the School "At Home" on June 14th. On July 1st we went for a hike; starting at 9.45 a.m. we set out for Mr. Cope's field in the High Wood. Each patrol lit their own fires and cooked their lunch. During the afternoon we played some team games and the Tea Patrol prepared tea.

Company four had been invited to tea and arrived at 4 p.m. After tea and games two tired companies collected their paraphernalia and walked home after a very enjoyable day.

Anne Watson and Marjorie Hill were enrolled this term. During the year the following Badges were awarded. 3 Ambulance, 3 Artists, 3 Booklovers, 2 Child Nurse, 1 Clerk's, 3 Cooks, 1 Embroideress, 2 Health, 3 Knitters, 2 Needlewoman, 1 Scribe, 4 Singers, 1 Swimmer's, 1 Toymaker's, 2 Writers, 1 Second Class.

M. P. T.

SCHOOL COUNCIL, 1932—33.

This year no change has taken place in the constitution of the Council. Regular reports have been received on the scavenging of the School grounds and on the tidiness of the cloakroom. There has been a great improvement in the scavenging since Lower IV. Remove have undertaken the work.

Matters discussed in the meetings have been—the formation of a Gardening Committee; the pictures in the School, and the School Birthday.

One of the most valuable discussions took place at the last Junior Council Meeting, the representatives expressing their opinions as to how the Council could prove of more value to the School.

At the last Senior Council Meeting the suggestion was made that in future the Houses should be responsible for the work hitherto done by the forms. This will take effect in the Autumn Term.

W. M. BAGNALL (Secretary).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A General Meeting of the Society was held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The following Committee was elected for the year: A. Sutton (Chairman), M. Mellor (Secretary), Miss Thomas, N. Kirkland, W. Cope.

The first meeting of the society was held on Monday, November 7th. The motion before the house was that "A Shakespeare is a more valuable possession than a British Empire." D. Watson opened on the affirmative and was seconded by J. Young. M. Bagnall opened on the negative and was seconded by J. Bradbury. When the motion was put before the house, one member of the Staff and four girls spoke. The motion was lost by twelve votes to one.

On Monday, February 6th, an impromptu debate was held, the subjects being chosen beforehand by the committee. The first motion was "Policemen are better than traffic signs for traffic direction." The opener on the affirmative was B. Dykes; seconded by M. Wain. The opener on the negative was O. Jackson; seconded by P. Bull. The second motion was "Knitting is a pernicious habit." Miss Kirby opened on the affirmative, and was seconded by F. Coulthurst. Miss Thomas opened on the negative, and was seconded by S. Dykes. The motion was lost by six votes to two. The third motion was "The British weather has given its virtues to the race." The opener on the affirmative was J. Young, and the opener on the negative was E. Robinson. The motion was carried.

M. L. MELLOR (Secretary).

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

A General Meeting was held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The following Committee was elected :—Miss Kirby, Miss Foxton, A. Sutton (Chairman), D. Watson (Secretary), W. Cope. It was decided that in future there should be no subscription.

At a meeting on December 1st, Dorothy Hammersley gave a lecture on "Pottery." She described the different kinds of clays used and the processes of throwing, painting and glazing. Immediately following, Mary Millington gave a lecture on "The Death Watch Beetle." She described its life cycle and told us how it could be exterminated.

There was another meeting on December 5th, at which Mr. Wilson kindly gave a lecture on "Photography." He showed us some lantern slides which he had made himself, and performed several experiments to show the effect of light on silver nitrate. He also demonstrated the various different kinds of cameras.

The Summer Outing, which had been arranged for June 24th, had unfortunately to be cancelled.

D. WATSON.

THE BIRMINGHAM MOTHERS.

On July 21st we entertained about sixty Mothers from the Birmingham Settlement, instead of the usual thirty. They arrived by 'bus, and had a lunch of cold meat and salad, followed by fruit pie and custard. It was a lovely afternoon, and so the visitors walked round the gardens and chatted with the girls.

Afterwards the Mothers sat on the lawn and listened to the gramophone, and then they joined in various competitions which

the different houses organised. Neptune's obstacle race was most amusing. Mars had a competition for winding up balls of string; while Apollo had an exciting egg and spoon race, and Jupiter had a hat-trimming competition. The winners were awarded small prizes.

The Mothers then had tea, which consisted of fruit-salad, bread and butter, eggs and cakes. After tea some of the girls sang while the visitors played musical cushion, this providing lots of laughter. At 6 o'clock they departed, taking with them butter, or eggs, or tinned fruit, and large bunches of flowers. We were very grateful to the parents and Old Girls who provided so much of the necessary provisions.

O. TAYLOR.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

There is now a flourishing Junior branch of the League of Nations Union, and most of the new girls who entered the School last September, have become members.

Last year, members of Forms III. and Lower IV. entered a competition in which dolls were dressed in National costumes, and the prizes were awarded to M. Barker and D. Bury. Last Summer Term two members went with Miss Thomas to the League of Nations' camp at Fordingbridge, Hampshire, where they spent a most enjoyable holiday. Another camp will be held this summer, and we hope that some girls from the School will spend their holiday there.

On February 8th, 1934, Mr. Stainton gave a lecture on the "Present situation in World affairs," which we all found most interesting.

A Senior League of Nations competition was held this term, and B. Stubbs obtained the prize presented by Miss Thomas. Very few girls in the School entered the competition, and more enthusiasm is needed to make these competitions a success.

MARJORIE S. SNELL.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION PIONEERS' CAMP, 1933.

On July 27th, at 7 o'clock, two of us left Uttoxeter with Miss Thomas for the League of Nations Union Pioneers' Camp, overlooking the River Avon at Fordingbridge, Hampshire. We reached Fordingbridge at about 4 o'clock, and were greeted by Mr. Alec Wilson and other camp officials at the station. Since it was raining heavily, Mr. Wilson kindly took us to our camp-site in his

car; our luggage and a number of boy campers following in a van. When we had finished tea, which was served to us in a log-hut, it had stopped raining, and we did our best to assist in putting up tents. The rest of the evening was spent in exploring the beautiful woods and making friends with the eighty other campers. All our other meals during our week at camp were served outside on trestle-tables, which added greatly to the fun of camping.

During the week, there were two organised excursions. One was to Salisbury, and was a voluntary excursion; the party visited Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral. All the campers went on the other excursion to Breamore, a beautiful spot set high up, a mile or two away from our camp site. We ate our lunch on arrival, and the afternoon was left free to explore the countryside. We had tea there and returned to camp in the evening.

Tent inspection was held after breakfast each morning. Competition in this was divided between the boys and the girls, and the side which lost most marks did the orderly work for the day. Tent inspection was reported at Camp Council, and it was rather disconcerting to hear the list of oddments such as pencils and chocolate wrappers which were found in our tent, despite our careful tidying of it beforehand! Most of the days were left free. Swimming formed one of the chief features of the programme, and the Avon was ideal for this. One day an international race was held, which was won by the Norwegian representative. Sometimes there were games in an adjoining field. One of the camp-leaders, a German youth, taught us a field game something like our English rounders.

In the same wood as our camp, there was a large camp for unemployed men, called the Grith Fyrd Camp. We looked over this camp and found it very interesting. This is a permanent camp, and the men made their own shanties for sleeping. They do various kinds of handicrafts, and also keep animals. One day we had a talk on this camp by its leader. Mr. Alec Wilson gave us several talks on the work of the League of Nations; and another interesting talk was given by Mr. Frederick Whelen, on the same day that he left to go to Geneva. Perhaps the most enjoyable times at camp were in the evenings at Camp Fire. The campers were divided into four sections, under the leadership of a German, a Swiss, a Sinhalese, and a Norwegian. Songs and games peculiar to the different countries were learnt, and were contributed to the programme at Camp Fire. We all sang various rounds and community songs, finishing up with Ken's Evening Hymn.

MARGARET HARPER.

KATHLEEN GRIFFITHS.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

In 1933 a Dramatic Society was formed in the School. It consisted of several girls from each of Forms VI., Upper and Lower V. who had passed the reading test.

Later, the society became affiliated to the British Drama League, from whose library we have so far borrowed one set of books—"The Green Dragon"—an Irish play.

At the end of the School Year a number of members left, but we have recruited more members in their places. The meetings are held on alternate Friday evenings from 4 o'clock until 5.30 p.m., during which we have practised the play scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; crowd scenes from "Julius Cæsar," and the sleep-walking and witch scenes from "Macbeth." The meetings during the Autumn Term were taken up by rehearsals for the Nativity Play—many of the actors being members of the Dramatic Society. At one meeting, Miss Platt gave a talk on the importance of an actor feeling his part in every limb, and made us illustrate the truth of her different statements.

This term the society has been divided into two groups, each of which is getting up a play to produce before the other group and their friends, in the near future. W. G. COPE (Hon. Sec.).

THE YORK NATIVITY PLAY.

The play performed by the School this year was adapted from the 14th century Nativity Play of the York cycle of Mystery Plays by Martin Browne, Director of Religious Drama in the Diocese of Chichester, and the play, though modernised in language, is substantially the same as it was when it was first acted by a medieval guild.

The events covered are the Annunciation, Visitation, the appearance of the Angels to the Shepherds on Christmas night, the Birth of the Holy Child in Bethlehem, the Presentation in the Temple, and the visit of the Magi.

The beauty of the play lies in the direct simplicity of the characters, their unquestioned faith and obedience to the Will of God, and their sincere homely speech, a paraphrase for the most part of the Gospel story, but all additions in keeping with it. For without losing any reverence for the Mystery of the Incarnation, the author presented the shepherds with the homely characteristics of the shepherds he knew, and Mary and Joseph as poor country folk. The only unreal character is Herod, a dashing, bragging,

witty villain, the offspring of villains of the ballad and minstrels' tales; the author gave him the alliterative language of Romance which Bottom, later, in a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, so much admired. And yet the transition from this extravagant hyperbole to the language of the Mother to her Child, Who is to her 'My sweetest rose, my lovely, my sweeting, whom she prays to 'save the souls of all mankind that worship Him,' is quite easy.

The play is filled with the joy and merriment inseparable from the characters' faith. The shepherds bring toys to amuse the Baby: 'two cobble nuts upon a band' for a rattle, and 'a simple brooch with bell of tin' to make a cheerful noise for him. Their own joy at the Angel's announcement makes them burst into song, a bit harsh and raucous, as one at the end is 'so cracked in his throat, that his lips are nearly dry.' They sing when on their way to Bethlehem, and when coming back.

This was the first year that characters of the play spoke as well as acted. The Temple scene was an addition, and for it as well as for other beautiful properties the School is indebted to Mr. Smith, who helps so much too with the colours and style of dresses. We owe so much too to all those who work in the background to make the play run smoothly: choir, dressers, those responsible for lights, curtains and clothes. It is the team work and love of the play that make it one of the happiest incidents in the School year.

M. W. C.

AT HOME.

On June 14th the Headmistress and Staff and Girls were At Home to parents. The At Home took the form of an entertainment in which every girl took part. We were very fortunate in having a fine day, so that performances could take place in the garden. The entertainment included class singing: the Upper and Lower IV. Forms singing a Chinese Melody dated 500 B.C.; Form III., "Now is the month of Maying"; and the Senior Class, three madrigals. All the singing was accompanied. J. Young and B. Dykes gave pianoforte solos, and D. Ainsworth a violin solo. The orchestra made its first appearance in public and played several short pieces.

Some of the Speech Training pupils gave recitations: M. Bagnall, "Charles Augustus Fortescue" (H. Belloc); K. Simms, "To a Fox Cub" (P. K. Chalmers); M. Goodwin, "April Rain"; K. Griffiths, "A Ship, an Isle, a Sickle Moon" (Flecker); J. Young, "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" (Keats); and B. Griffith, "Old China" (P. K. Chalmers). There was also a Drill, Guide and Brownie Display; and Singing Games by Form I. and the Preparatory; while Form Upper V. gave a French Play.

In the School building, work was arranged for inspection. It included exhibitions of history, geography, needlework, handwork, drawing, science and cookery. Tea was served in the garden. Owing to the kindness of so many parents and friends, we were able to raise an encouraging sum of money towards the wireless set which the School hopes to have in the near future.

A. SUTTON.

A LECTURE BY JUDGE RUEGG.

On the afternoon of November 9th last, His Honour Judge Ruegg very kindly came to School and gave us a Lecture on "The Law in Everyday Life," which was attended by Forms Lower IV. to the VI.th. Before he commenced, he warned us that Law was a dry subject, but he considered young people should know something of the common law, and reminded us that ignorance was never accepted as an excuse in a court of law. After this information, we privately determined it was worth our while to follow carefully.

Judge Ruegg proceeded to trace the common law through the ages, the unwritten customs and maxims handed down by the early Britons, Romans, Saxons, Danes and Normans. General customs, he said, applied to the whole kingdom, while particular customs affected certain districts. He explained that the three estates of the Realm were Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons who constituted the "body politic," sharing in the Government. He then enumerated the various Courts of Justice, their orders and functions, and contrasted their proceedings with the cruel methods of finding the right causes by ordeal of battle, which existed long ago. It astonished us to hear that if we held land, it was not ours but belonged to the King, though we had paid for it. Estates, went on the Judge, can be held for life, in tail, or in fee simple. Real property is land, while personal property is moveable possessions or anything not real property; and can be transferred only by Gift, Deed, Sale, or Will.

The Judge went on to explain that a simple contract must be an arrangement to exchange two things, before it can become a contract; after which he told us of financial affairs, bills of exchange and cheques.

Towards the end of his talk, Judge Ruegg turned to the more interesting subject of the ages one could marry. With blank surprise we heard that until a few years ago, girls could marry at twelve years old and boys at fourteen! However, this was altered to sixteen years, but permission of the parents was still required.

Brenda Stubbs thanked the Judge for his very interesting and useful lecture, and we were delighted when he expressed a hope that he might visit us on some future occasion.

KATHLEEN BLOOR.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

AUTUMN TERM.—The Annual Business Meeting was held on Thursday, November 17th, and the following members of Committees were elected :—Secretary, F. Howkins ; Treasurer, M. Parker. House Secretaries—Apollo, R. Allport ; Jupiter, M. Price ; Mars, Mrs. Deville ; Neptune, K. Tibbits. Tea Committee—K. Hardy, K. Tibbits, G. M. Prince, R. Allport and L. Bagshaw ; Secretary, K. Hardy. Hockey Captain, N. Land. It was decided that the Old Girls be asked to share with the School in sending gifts to the Birmingham Women's Settlement at Christmas. It was agreed that the Old Girls and the Old Boys of the Grammar School should join for the dance this year.

SPRING TERM.—The Spring Meeting was held on March 3rd, and took the form of a Whist Drive.

SUMMER TERM.—The Summer Meeting was held on the School Birthday, June 29th. The Old Girls joined in the Tennis Tournament, and after tea there was a short business meeting. K. Babb was elected secretary of the catering for the visit of the members of the Birmingham Women's Settlement on July 21st. N. Land was elected secretary of dance committee, and G. Wilks, G. Phillips, L. Watson, I. Lunn, M. Vernon and K. Babb to serve on the committee. It was decided that the Old Girls should give a prize to the School again, and it was left to Miss Cooper to choose the subject.

A VISIT TO RODBASTON.

On July 19th, Miss Pierce-Thomas took a party of girls on a tour round the Agricultural College at Rodbaston.

On arriving, we were taken to the pens of fowls where the County Laying Tests were being carried on. The Trophy is a copper ring, and the fowl must lay two hundred eggs in its forty-eight weeks stay to obtain it. We were shown the different breeds and how they were trapnested, fed and housed. We also saw the incubator and recording houses. The different birds are distinguished by toe-punching and wing-banding.

The Principal himself then took us round the large gardens. Here greenhouses were full of tomatoes and cucumbers, while in frames outside thousands of small chrysanthemums were ready for transplanting. Beds of mint and lettuces were the size of small fields, and every kind of flower and vegetable grew in other beds, while in the orchard there were plum, apple, pear and cherry trees.

Then we passed on to the pig-styes, where large whites were kept; we saw sty after sty, and in each division a different size of pigs. They were distinguished from one another by ear-clips. In the yard near by we saw the blacksmiths' and carpenters' shops. All the carts had pneumatic tyres, by which the load could be increased by fifty per cent.

By this time it was milking time, so we were taken to see the cows. They were all roan ones, most of which were being milked by machine, though a few were being hand-milked. Each cow had a name, and her milk was weighed and recorded. We then saw the milk being bottled and the bottles sterilized.

From here we went to the stackyard, where the hay-barn and stacks were, and a silo where grass, vetch and clover are stored in a green state. We went from here to the dairy close by, where we saw butter and cheese being made by the students. We saw cheese being dry-clothed and stored away to ripen.

Then the Principal showed us inside the College, and when we came to the dining room he told us that this was where the animals fed. We laughed, but certainly didn't believe him.

We arrived home again feeling that we knew a lot more about farming than before, and most grateful to the Principal for making our first visit so enjoyable.

MARGARET SHIPTON.

A VISIT TO A COAL MINE.

The time is 5.15 on a bright summer morning, and men are hurrying along the lanes towards a group of buildings, from the centre of which rises a tall lattice-work tower surmounted by two large wheels. This is the entrance to a coal mine, and the men are the miners who will presently descend into the depths of the earth.

As the men arrive they form a queue from a building known as the lamp room. Each man receives a lamp and a little metal disc, on which is the number corresponding to his name on a register; the lamp bears the same number. If the lamp and disc are not returned to the lamp room at the end of the shift, a report is made to the manager.

Let us accompany one of these miners, who, having received his lamp and disc, proceeds to the base of the tower. This is known as the head-gear, and consists of supports for the two large wheels over which passes a thick wire rope. To each end of this rope is attached a box-like structure, known as a cage. This has two compartments, on the floors of which are fixed small gauge railway lines which correspond to those in use in the workings below. The two opposite sides are open so that little trucks of coal can be pushed in at one side and out at the other if required. These open sides are, however, fitted with lattice-work doors, which are used when miners are being lowered or raised. The middle portion of the rope, after passing over the wheels, is wound round a large drum in such a way that when one cage is at the bottom of the shaft the other is at the top. A powerful engine operates the drum.

The miner and some of his companions enter the cage, the lattice-work doors are closed, and the signal to descend is given. Slowly at first, but rapidly gaining speed, the cage sinks into the earth.

After the bright morning light we have left behind, the darkness can almost be felt. For a time the tiny lamps seem useless, but presently, as our eyes become accustomed to the changed conditions we see tunnels leading in different directions. Our friend leads us along one of them and we notice that a little railway runs along it, with a wire rope, much thinner than the one on the cages lying on the floor between the rails. The roof is supported at intervals of about a yard by steel girders set on stout props of wood. At intervals of twenty to thirty yards, little hollows are cut in the sides of the tunnel for the men to stand in when a train of trucks are passing. These trains are hauled by means of the wire rope we noticed, and an engine operating a drum near the bottom of the shaft. Other tunnels branch off from the main tunnel. In this Yorkshire mine these tunnels are known as gates, while the main tunnel is a crossgate. The gates lead us to the miners' working place. For some distance now the tunnel has been very low, and although the railway is still with us the rope has disappeared. Little ponies are used to haul the trucks here, and each one has a boy driver. At the end of the tunnel a number of men are beginning to work.

A short tunnel crosses the end, and along this various operations are being carried on. On one side miners are undercutting the coal, that is, cutting out the coal for about twelve inches from the floor. As the work proceeds, short pieces of wood are placed to support the coal above. This is carried on until they

have reached a point about six feet under the coal, and as far along the tunnel as their place extends. The props are then withdrawn and wedges are knocked in between the roof and the coal for the purpose of breaking it down. This work is only done by experienced miners. The coal thus broken down is filled into trucks by the younger miners, while the others repeat operations on the other side.

Twice during the shift the miners are visited by an official, known as a deputy or overman, who is in charge of a number of working places and the tunnels leading to them. He understands all about gas, ventilation, and the state of the roof, and is responsible for the safety of the men in his district.

About half-way through the shift the miners eat their meal which they have brought with them in tin boxes. The tin boxes are necessary, as mines in which ponies are employed usually swarm with mice. These are very tame, and come out at lunch time for the crumbs, which the miners throw out for them.

It is strange to return to the surface again after being so long in the dark. The light of the sun has a very dazzling effect.

BETTY COUPLAND.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE.

Nottingham Castle is situated near the General Hospital, and is built on a huge rock called the Castle Rock. Round about the castle are beautiful gardens and shrubberies.

The castle is used as a museum, and in it historical things from Nottingham, and from foreign countries.

Outside in the grounds there is an underground passage called "Robin Hood's Cave," where there are cells which were used for prisoners; and on the walls are many of their initials. There is another underground passage called "Mortimer's Hole," which leads underground through Nottingham. This was used by prisoners as a way of escape from the castle.

Inside the castle are beautiful pictures which have been painted by well-known artists.

There are coaches and bicycles; armour which was worn by the knights; old coins and china ware. Tapestry pictures are hung on the walls, and there is a model of the first lace machine, and also much lace which was made at Nottingham.

In one room there is a model of a lady wearing a lovely dress with a wide skirt and tight waist, and the material of this dress is lace with beautiful patterns in it.

There are suits of armour worn by Chinese soldiers in the olden days; these have hideous faces, and are terribly heavy, so that the soldiers must have found it difficult to get along.

In the hall there are weapons and implements used by Prehistoric men. In a case are the first watches and clocks that were made at Nottingham, and they are very odd compared with our modern ones.

Looking from the courtyard of the castle, almost the whole of Nottingham may be seen, and there is a marvellous view all around, as the castle is built very high up on the Castle Rock.

URSULA HUGHES.

A VISIT TO GROUDLE GLEN IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

From the pier head at Douglas, Groudle Glen is reached by a journey on a horse-drawn tramcar to the other end of the promenade, and then by electric train which climbs steadily until the entrance of the glen is reached. Groudle Glen is one of the most beautiful spots in Great Britain. There is a winding stream running through it, which is bordered by high sloping hills on which are many kinds of trees. One end of the glen opens out on to a sandy bay, which is bordered by high rugged rocks. Heading down to the glen on one side is a deep canyon, which is one of the few in the British Isles. At the sea end are several sea lions, which are very interesting, especially at feeding time. At night, the glen is lighted by hundreds of fairy lights, which look very pretty in between the trees and shining on the water.

PATRICIA MILLS.

A CABMAN—

After studying Katherine Mansfield's Stories.

The solitary passenger gave up his ticket to a yawning porter and walked down the platform towards the exit. He pulled the collar of his overcoat round his ears as a sudden gust of east wind swirled the station litter round and round, and finally swept it on to the railway-line, while the tin advertisements—"Buy Veno's Cough Cure," and "Hudson's is Best," rattled and creaked as they swung to and fro on their hinges.

Outside the station there were no taxis at this time of night, but half-a-dozen cabs stood dimly outlined by the kerb. Their owners had been leaning against a wall, swinging arms and stamping feet in an attempt to keep themselves warm, but now they surged round the traveller, surrounding him with the smells of beer, tobacco, and horses, wheezing "Keb, Keb, sir please!"

The man chosen was tall and thin, and he smelt less of beer than the others, but more of strong, cheap tobacco which he was smoking in a broken pipe. His fellow cabmen slouched back to the wall except for one, who deliberately drew his pipe from his mouth and placed it in his pocket, spat on the cobbles, and walked unsteadily across the road to the lighted public house. Seen under the wavering light of carriage lamps, the tall thin cabman looked unusually well-fitted to drive a hearse, had his clothes been a little smarter; he wore a dusty top hat, and the face beneath it was red and sharp-featured, with a dejected black moustache, and a slight cast in one eye. His clothes were not original; a black muffler was tied round his neck, he wore a long overcoat, green with age, and fraying trousers. He removed its nosebag from the unwilling horse, then stood with one foot on the step leading to his seat, to twitch the horse-cloth from the horse's back. "Bill, if yer go soon, just tell the missus I'll not be long; I might bring three pennith o' chips for the kids, too!"

After shutting the door of the musty-smelling cab on the passenger, the cabman paused to pull on a pair of woollen gloves, and to fasten his coat collar, but he found the button missing from the faded velvet, and gave a shiver and a painful cough. 'What a wind! The doctor had said he ought to be in bed with that cough—had hinted at pneumonia, but eighteenpence was eighteenpence, and perhaps a tip at the end; Christmas was coming and food was wanted. Those taxis outside the station took all his money these days.'

He climbed into the high seat, placed the cloth round him, touched his horse with the whip, and clattered into the darkness.

KATHLEEN SIMMS.

On Reading Hazlitt's Essay, on "THE IGNORANCE OF THE LEARNED."

O vain and foolish men, that seek to find
The world's obscurities,
Or study in the dusk and dream of day
Which comes, and is ignored;
Into what stagnant waters are ye cast,
Examining the nature of the mind,
Which no-one but your fellow cares to know.
Fools!

To wander from the truth in nature's gifts,
Existing, dreaming technicalities.
'Twas not for this that thou wast put on earth,
It was to Live, not dream among the shades!
Already life's grim verger mounts the steps
To toll life's death in your existence grey.

KATHLEEN BLOOR.